

REMARKS

The present Amendment is filed in response to the Official Action dated May 11, 2009. Claims 1-9 remain withdrawn. Claim 10 has been amended. Claims 11 and 13 have been canceled, and claim 23 is newly added. Therefore, claims 10, 12, and 14-23 remain in active prosecution in the present application. Applicants' remarks relating to the pending claims and the outstanding Action are set forth below.

In the Action, the Examiner, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), rejected:

- (a) claims 10-12 and 14-22 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,684,593 to Brenneis et al. ("*Brenneis*") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,306,239 to Breuer et al. ("*Breuer*"),
- (b) claim 13 as being unpatentable over *Brenneis* as modified by Breuer and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 3,356,480 to Golightly ("*Golightly*"), and
- (c) claims 10, 12, 14-15, and 20-22 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,451,377 to Asher et al. ("*Asher*") in view of Breuer.

Essentially, it is the Examiner's contention in the Action that each and every limitation of claims 10, 12, and 14-22 is obvious in view of one or more of the cited references.

Independent claim 10 has been amended to include the limitations formerly recited in claims 11 and 13, and thusly includes limitations from claims not rejected over the above combination of (a) *Brenneis* in view of *Breuer* or (c) *Asher* in view of *Breuer*. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the present amendments to independent claim 10 overcome the outstanding rejections of same in light of (a) *Brenneis* in view of *Breuer* (c) *Asher* in view of *Breuer*. This leaves only the rejection over (b) *Breuer* in view of *Golightly* as applying to claim 10.

Independent claim 10 recites the step of bending the mold by a stretch forming process. The Examiner asserts that this limitation (previously of claim 13) is disclosed by *Golightly*. However, *Golightly* is limited to the bending of a glass sheet and simply does not teach or suggest that a stretch forming process can be used to bend a glass sheet. Indeed, such a bending process would cause a glass sheet to break. Moreover, *Golightly* specifically discourages the use of a stretch forming process: "Best results are obtained for extremely severe compound curvatures when the longitudinal bend is completed before the mechanical force is applied to aid the transverse bend, since glass is difficult to stretch in two directions simultaneously." (See col. 15 ll. 21-25.) Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that it would not have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to find that *Golightly* discloses a "stretch forming process," because it deals solely with the bending of a glass sheet.

In addition to the present amendments to claim 10, dependent claim 23 has been added to more clearly distinguish over *Golightly*. Claim 23 recites that the frame member is made from metal. Support for this recitation is found at least in paragraph [0003] of the specification.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that independent claim 10, as amended, is distinguished from and allowable over the cited references. Given that claims 12 and 14-23 properly depend from independent claim 10, such claims are also believed to be allowable. Nevertheless, it is also noted that such claims are believed to include additional patentable subject matter beyond that found solely in their respective independent claims from which they depend. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request allowance of each and every one of claims 10, 12, and 14-23.

As it is believed that all of the rejections set forth in the Official Action have been fully met, favorable reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited.

If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that he/she telephone Applicants' Attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections which he might have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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